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circa 1860

The Roland Maxwell Farm House  
Marriottsville  
Private

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Five wide, poured in place concrete steps lead to the wooden landing of the one story high, shed roofed, open porch, held by six square posts, decorated with scrolled brackets, which runs along the entire east elevation, covering the central, rectangular, roman arched paneled, entrance door, surmounted by a three light transom and flanked by three vertical side lights. This elevation features vertically aligned, proportionally scaled fenestration. Windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding two-over-two lights.

A central intersecting gable (running east-west) holds a roman arched, double-hung window with two-over-two lights, flanked by single gable roof dormer windows, holding a similiar roman arched window.

Initially only a four room house stood here when Robert Stuart Maxwell and his bride, Mary Jane Devries, came to the house. It was they who enlarged this house, which has remained so long in the Maxwell Family, until, recently, being sold and acquired by its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Myers.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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E.C. Quad.  
Dist. 2

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Roland Maxwell Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON  
The Carl R. Myers House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 1805 Marriotttsville Road

CITY, TOWN Marriotttsville VICINITY OF 6th

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Carl R. Myers Telephone #: 442-1774

STREET & NUMBER  
P.O. Box 552

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF Maryland 21043 STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE Tax Map 10, p. 32  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 877  
Folio #: 274

STREET & NUMBER  
Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1978-1979 ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
XX EXCELLENT	___ DETERIORATED	___ UNALTERED	XX ORIGINAL SITE
___ GOOD	___ RUINS	XX ALTERED	___ MOVED      DATE _____
___ FAIR	___ UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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#### EAST ELEVATION

Five wide, poured in place concrete steps lead to the wooden landing of the one story high, shed roofed, open porch, held by six square posts, decorated with scrolled brackets, which runs along the entire east elevation, covering the central, rectangular, roman arched paneled, entrance door, surmounted by a three light transom and flanked by three vertical side lights. This elevation features vertically aligned, proportionally scaled fenestration. Windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding two-over-two lights.

A central intersecting gable (running east-west) holds a roman arched, double-hung window with two-over-two lights, flanked by single gable roof dormer windows, holding a similar roman arched window.

#### SOUTH ELEVATION

This elevation is a very interesting one for it holds what was originally a pent roofed, one story high, bay window, holding three rectangular, double-hung windows, holding two-over-two lights, upon which has been placed a second floor to the bay window, with its central window a decorative panel (this is due to the fact that the partition wall (running north-south) between the two second floor bedrooms, rests here). The attic overhangs at this elevation and features decorative shingling around a roman arched attic window, similar to those described.

A basement window rests on the east side of the bay window. Two eight light, first floor casement windows and one two-over-two,  
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second floor windows are placed in the south wall of the sun porch constructed along the west wall of the house.

#### NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation holds two first floor windows and a central, similar, second floor window, with central roman arched attic window , similar to those already described above.

#### NORTH ELEVATION OF KITCHEN WING

The north elevation of the kitchen wing holds three second floor, rectangular, double-hung windows, holding two-over-two lights. A one story high, hipped roof, frame, enclosed entrance porch runs along this elevation.

#### SOUTH ELEVATION OF KITCHEN WING

The south elevation of the kitchen wing holds a six light entrance door, covered by a gabled roof hood in its central bay and a rectangular window in its west bay. Two second floor windows, similar to those described lie above. The east bay has been covered by a one story high, enclosed porch with tripartite windows, each section of which is composed of an eight light casement window. Upon this section has been placed a second floor, creating a two story high, shed roofed addition along the central and two south bays of the west wall of the main building block. This second floor addition holds four two-over-two light second floor windows. A bath is placed at each end with its two central bays holding a cozy second floor sitting-library area.

#### WEST ELEVATION OF KITCHEN WING

This elevation holds no apertures.

#### INTERIOR PLAN

The interior plan features a very wide hall which runs the depth of the original main building block of the house, featuring open bible and cross paneled, rectangular east and west entrance. The east entrance features roman arched exterior paneling. An interesting curved wall is featured on the south side of the hall and a large oval opening into the living room features a sun burst pattern. Off this hall are two large rooms, the living room just mentioned and on the north, a dining room. The west door, once leading directly outside, or to an outside porch, now leads into the first floor enclosed sun porch, previously mentioned, on the west elevation.

The dining room leads into the kitchen and service area, which includes a service staircase (running north-south).

The stone foundation for the building is of field stone mixed with a sand like mortar, which was beginning to crumble. The

present owners, Mr. & Mrs.C. Myers have had the basement completely redone in cinder block, creating additional strength for the original stone foundation for the house.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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Sykesville  
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Dist. 3

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
1860's	

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Roland Maxwell Farm House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland historically and architecturally.

Historically, it is part of the local history of Howard County, associated with Robert Stuart Maxwell and his wife, Mary Jane Devries, whose father Henry O. Devries was a Methodist minister of St. James Church on Route 99, near Route 32. Robert Stuart Maxwell's father was a Scottish stone mason who immigrated to Baltimore in the mid-nineteenth century, prior to the Civil War, and was responsible for helping to construct the first Baltimore jail. An old lock from that jail is still in the family. In addition, he helped to build the first bridge across the Susquehanna River. Just before the Civil War broke out, he moved out of Baltimore.

It was Robert Stuart Maxwell and his bride, Mary Jane Devries who moved into the original section of the house and later enlarged it. Their son, Roland Maxwell, was born in the house, later making it his home. His daughter followed, only recently selling the house to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Myers.

Architecturally, the building is noteworthy, reputed to have been used as slave quarters for Waverly, just south of Route 99. Initially, it was a four room house, two rooms up and two rooms down. Evidence of the shingled gable roof of this house can still be seen in the upstairs attic. The fieldstone foundation was put together with a sand based mortar, which through the years has dried out, leaving only sand. This caused the Myers to reinforce all the foundation walls with concrete. According to the Maxwell family, the original house was constructed of brick knob on the inside, with clapboard covering.

Robert and Mary Jane Maxwell added at least a part of the central hall and the large living room to one wall of the house and an intersecting gable roof, two story high, service wing to another wall.

Later, in the nineteenth or early twentieth century the bay window may have been added, although the stone foundation follows its outline, leading to a belief that it was original to the first addition to the house. Later two back porches were enclosed, completing the building

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as we see it today, which is a fine example of how the Romanesque Revival Style filtered into the domestic, vernacular architecture of Howard County, usually in the attic windows of the side elevations, as we see here, and/or in central intersecting gables, which we see here, and/or in dormer windows, which we also see here.

Historically and architecturally significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland it, along with the John Clark House, adjoining, should be considered for the National Register, should its owners so desire, as well as recommended for inclusion to the State Critical Areas Program.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Myers, Saturday, January 19, 1980  
at their residence.

Interview with Mrs. Roland Maxwell.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16.20 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 10

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 877 Folio 274

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

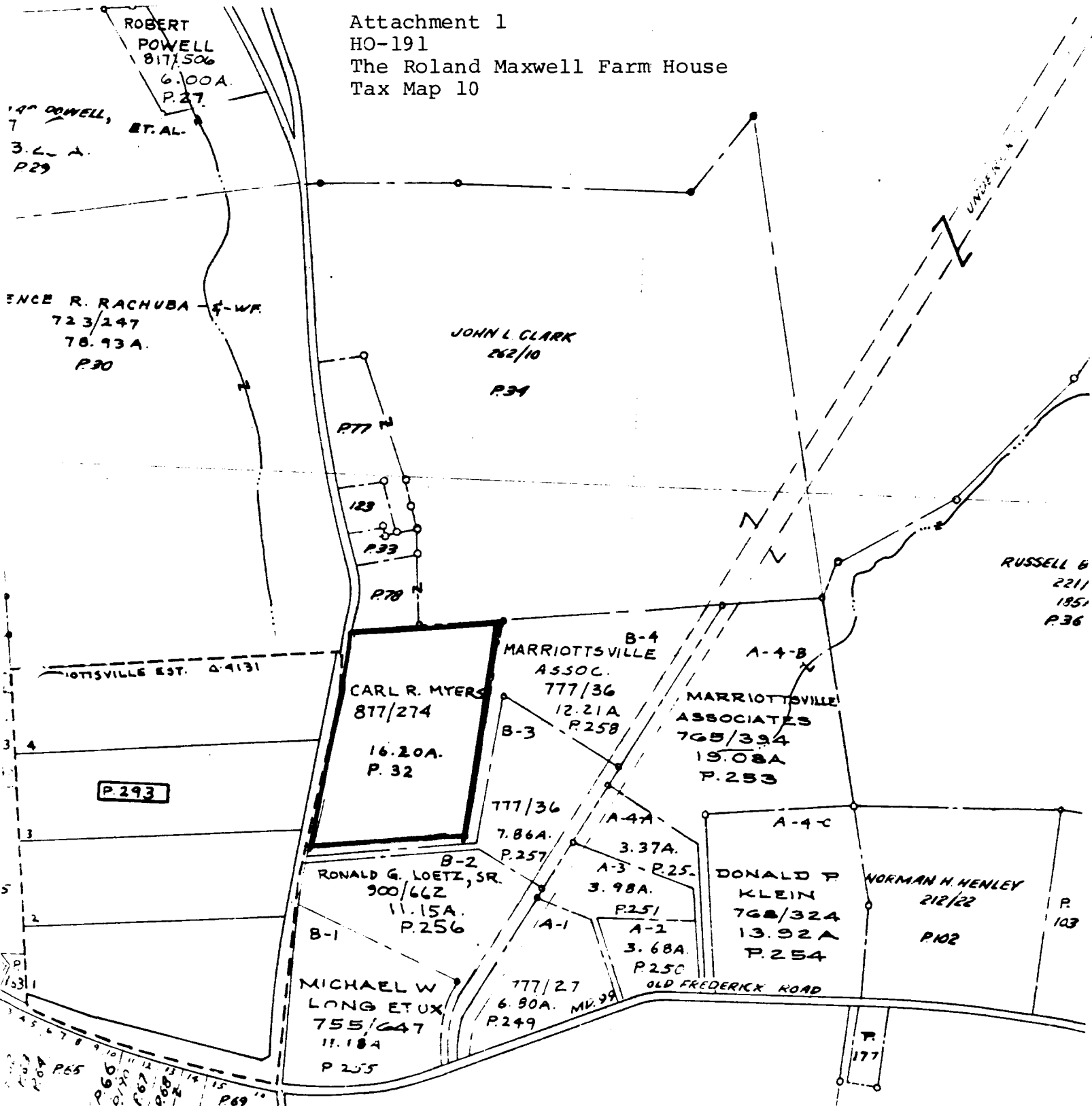
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Attachment 1  
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The Roland Maxwell Farm House  
Tax Map 10



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PROPERTY MAP DIVISION

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PROPERTY LINE

SUB-DIVISION BOUNDARY

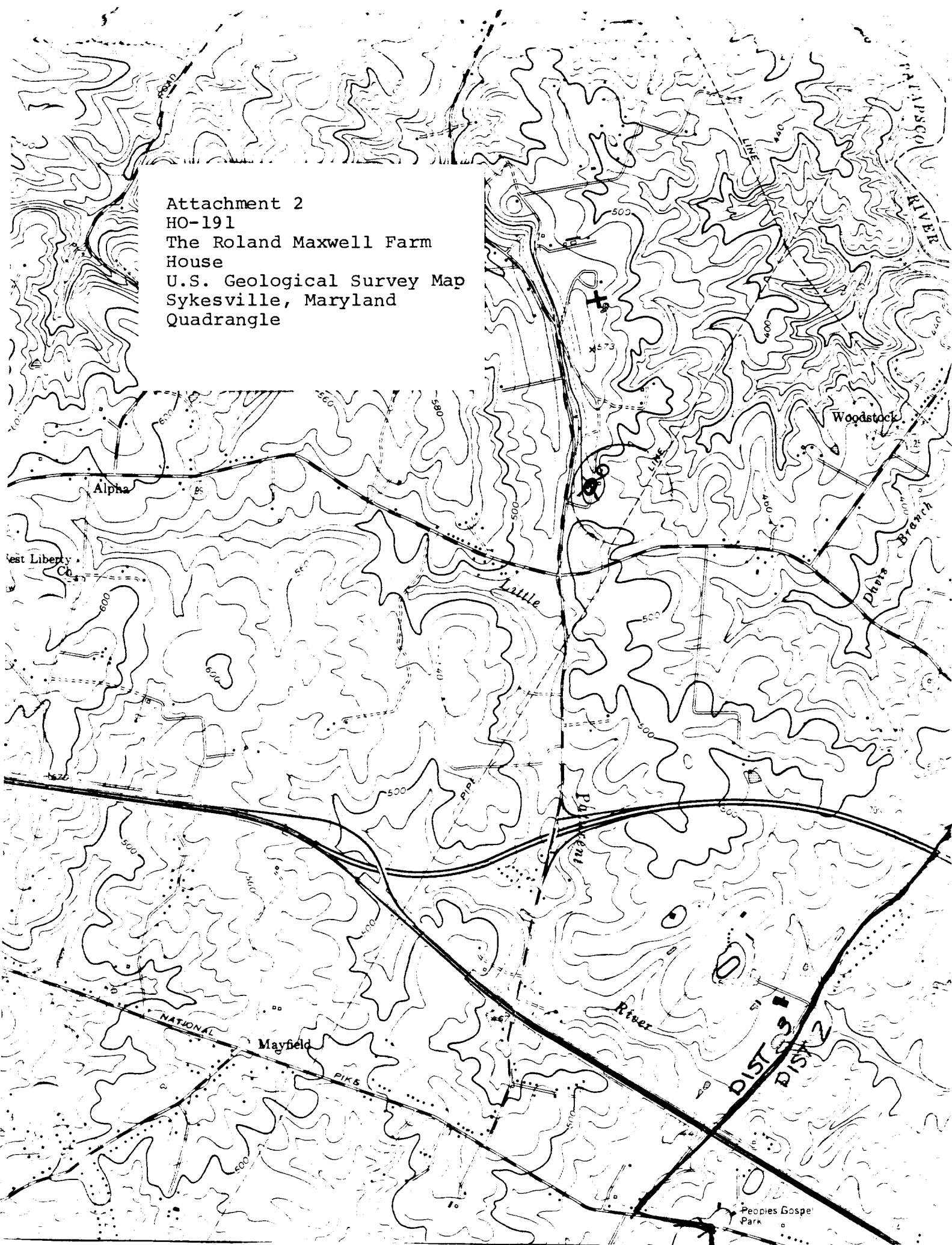
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SCALE: 1" = 600'

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Attachment 2  
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The Roland Maxwell Farm  
House  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Sykesville, Maryland  
Quadrangle





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TITE ROLAND MAXWELL HOUSE  
SOUTHEAST  
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